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Honourable Alden McLaughlin MBE, JP, MP
Premier
Government Administration Building
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Dear Premier,

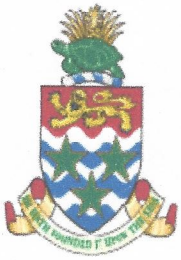
I write in response to your letter of 4 January 2021, received that day.

I note that despite correctly addressing me as your constitutional counterpart - The Leader of the Opposition - you decided to question whether I enjoy the support of the majority members of the Opposition rather than address the substantive concerns I raised. Interestingly, this made me recall a quote I came across some years ago,

"Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers."

On that basis, I find your questioning of my constitutional authority offensive and unworthy of a response.

I will, however, out of courtesy answer your question by reminding you that my position as Leader of the Opposition does not require your approval for appointment or removal as per section 68 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 (as amended). Consequently, and with respect, it is not your place to question my authority. This unwarranted exercise is tantamount to sabre rattling and does not advance the subject matter.



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Therefore, returning to the substantive issue which I raised in my letter of 24 December 2020, it is regrettable that you would seek to deflect not only from your important constitutional leadership obligations but your moral obligations as well. Your willingness to sacrifice your integrity/principles on the altar of political expediency should worry you. Your loyal cohorts may have short-term memories, but the majority of hard-working, decent Caymanians do not, and they are rightly incensed by your paralysis in respect of this matter. These are the people on whose behalf I speak as the Leader of the Opposition. They are the people who voiced their opposition in print, marched in support of #sheissupported and, collectively they vastly outnumber the majority of Members of Parliament in opposition to the government. They are the ones calling for and demanding the removal of Speaker Bush.

In conclusion, both your job and personal integrity should tell you that removing Speaker Bush is the only course of action and I offer my full support on this matter.

We are reminded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that,

"The time is always right to do the right thing."

Sincerely,


V. Arden McLean, JP. MP
Leader of the Opposition